



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 2823-99  
29 November 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The record shows that you enlisted in the Navy on 11 May 1992. Seven days later, you were diagnosed with an antisocial personality disorder. You were separated on 20 May 1992 due to an erroneous enlistment. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The record also shows that you reenlisted in the Navy on 13 January 1997. At that time you indicated that you did not have prior service. On 17 February 1998 you were diagnosed with a personality disorder with antisocial and borderline personality traits. You were considered to be an increasing risk to harm yourself or others due to your inability to effectively cope with the military environment.

Based on the personality disorder diagnosis, you were processed for an administrative discharge. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. You were honorably discharged on 16 March 1998. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

You have submitted a rating decision from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) in support of your request for a change in the reenlistment code. You claim that the rating decision shows that you do not have a personality disorder. However, the rating decision essentially states that you have a personality disorder which was not considered a disability for DVA purposes. In addition other documentation in your DVA files confirms the personality disorder diagnosis.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder. The Board concluded that the nature of the personality disorder and your two separations from the Navy for that reason were sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director